

AN ACT

relating to public safety answering points operated by emergency communications districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 772.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4-a) to read as follows:

(4-a) "Emergency services district" means an emergency services district created under Chapter 775.

SECTION 2. Section 772.112(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of the board and the consent of each participating jurisdiction and emergency services district serving the relevant area. A participating jurisdiction's or emergency services district's consent may be withdrawn at any time.

SECTION 3. Section 772.212(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of the board and the consent of each [the] participating jurisdiction and emergency services district serving the relevant area. A participating jurisdiction's or emergency services district's consent may be withdrawn at any time.

1 SECTION 4. Section 772.312(b), Health and Safety Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency
4 response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of
5 the board and the consent of each participating jurisdiction and
6 emergency services district serving the relevant area. A
7 participating jurisdiction's or emergency services district's
8 consent may be withdrawn at any time.

9 SECTION 5. Section 772.515(b), Health and Safety Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency
12 response requests to private safety entities, with the approval of
13 the board and the consent of each participating jurisdiction and
14 emergency services district serving the relevant area. A
15 participating jurisdiction's or emergency services district's
16 consent may be withdrawn at any time.

17 SECTION 6. Section 772.614(b), Health and Safety Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) A public safety answering point may transmit emergency
20 response requests to private safety entities, with the [board's]
21 approval of the board and the consent of each participating
22 jurisdiction and emergency services district serving the relevant
23 area. A participating jurisdiction's or emergency services
24 district's consent may be withdrawn at any time.

25 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4350 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4350 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor